

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The summer is full of great stamp events including shows at all levels from local to international, symposiums and seminars, auctions, and club meetings. Hopefully each of you is able to take advantage of the opportunity to attend these events. If you are a lonely collector out there, check out a stamp club close to you. They are always looking for new members and offer assistance and lots of interesting activities.

This edition contains reports on two significant activities that happen each summer: The American Philatelic Society (APS) Summer Seminar and the APS-ATA stamp show. These were both stellar events and I highly recommend you consider attending them next summer.

In addition to many terrific doings at the summer show, our President, Laurie Ryan, received her 25-year membership pin from the APS at its town hall meeting.



Additionally, there is much news coming out of the ATA Board meeting and annual general meeting that were held at the joint APS-ATA show. See the articles starting on page 169 and the show report on page 172.

All of these actions are important for our study unit as well as the ATA, but we should look at one in particular. As part of October Stamp Collecting month, the ATA is implementing its *Everyone Recruit One* program. They want each member to recruit at least one other person to join the organization. The Biology Unit should try to do the same thing. When you combine them, our topics are probably the most widely collected in the entire hobby. Check with your club members and people attending your local shows and sign someone up.

While I am on the subject, I happen to know that many of our Unit members are **not** also members of the ATA. I think this is a shame. Perhaps those who are not members may feel that the ATA is too general for their interests and are satisfied with focusing on their own field of study. But I would like to point out that this Unit would not exist if it were not for our parent, the ATA. Not only do they deserve our loyalty and support, but they offer many exceptional services to their members including an award-winning magazine, *Topical Time*, and extensive checklist services. Please go to the ATA website (www.americantopicalassn.org) and fill out a membership application.

It is again time for our Unit elections. You will find a ballot included with this edition. **Please make your choices and return it to the Secretary by 30 September 2019.** We will announce the results in the next issue.

This issue has no Fungi or Herpetology listings. We expect to have full listings in the next edition.

There are entirely too many articles in this issue written by me. The rest of you out there get off your duffs and send me an article about something in your collection, or some other thing about collecting that interests you. I assure you others will be interested as well.

Jack R. Congrove

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